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GRAHAM AND GREENLEE REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL

LITERACY PROGRAMS

REQUEST FOR GRANT APPLICATION

FTF-RC005-10-0021-00

FACT SHEET

WHAT IS THE INTENT OF THIS FUNDING OPPORTUNITY?

First Things First Graham and Greenlee Regional Partnership Council is releasing a Request for Grant Application to fund literacy programs.

A regional needs and assets assessment of the Graham/Greenlee Regional Partnership Council supports the need for greater opportunities for children and families to have access to quality literacy programs. They recognize that parents do not have adequate access to parenting information or resources to support children's healthy growth and development. In addition, the Graham/Greenlee Regional Partnership Council understands through research that parents reading frequently to their children can have a significant impact on a child's literacy development and ultimately ready for school. Children's early experiences with books and print greatly influence their ability to comprehend what they read. Alphabet knowledge, phonological awareness, vocabulary development, and awareness that words have meaning in print are all pieces of children's knowledge related to language and literacy.

The Graham/Greenlee Regional Partnership has designed their literacy strategy with two approaches:

1. Literacy and reading activities with parents, families and caregivers and children of the region with particular attention to geographic diversity of the region for locations of events.
2. Development and implementation of a children's book club through mail/home delivery focusing on children ages birth through three (with plans for expanding to age five in subsequent years if successful and dependent on future year's funding).

WHAT IS THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF FUNDING AVAILABLE?

Approximately \$100,000 is available in this Request for Grant Application. Contract renewal will be contingent upon satisfactory contract performance, evaluation and availability of funds.

The anticipated contract period for any resultant grant will be July 1, 2009 - to June 30, 2010.

PROPOSED TIMELINE FOR THE GRANT MAKING PROCESS

March 5, 2009	Notice of Intent/Fact Sheet available to the public
March 5, 2009	RFGA available on-line
March 16, 2009	Pre-application Conference Graham County Services Building, 921 Thatcher Blvd., Safford, AZ 85546 1:00 p.m.-3:00 pm.
April, 16, 2009	Applications due to the location listed in the RFGA by 3:00 p.m.
July 1, 2009	Anticipated grant awards made

HOW TO GET A COPY OF THE RFGA

Please visit the First Things First web site on or after March 5, 2009: <http://www.azftf.gov/>

QUESTIONS?

All questions must be submitted in writing and include FTF-RC005-10-0021-00 in the subject line of the email or on the cover sheet of the fax.

Questions should be submitted to the Grants and Contracts Procurement Specialist via email at grants@azftf.gov or via fax at (602) 265-0009.